

**John Smith to George Washington, March 2, 1758,
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FROM MAJOR JOHN SMITH. ¹

WINCHESTER 2d. Mch. 1758

SIR

I am just returned from my Exile & have but a Short time to write to you (being desirous to see my Family after so long a Captivity) and therefore shall write as brief as I can. I was Sir Ordered by my Lord Loudoun to wait on Colo. Stannacks whose Orders is that I should Consult with you concerning the defence of this Colony and not meeting with you at Winchester desire you'll meet me at Augusta Court-house or at Williamsburgh by the 20th. of this Instant (where I am Obliged to be) to pursue the above Orders. Or if you shall be so indisposed that you could not Attend desire you'll send one of your Officers according to the Time mentioned above to Consult the same I should have been glad to see you myself but being so long from my Family am very Desirous to see them & therefore I can only at this Time subscribe my Self

Sr. Yr. very Hble Servt. JNO SMITH

¹ Author of the "wild scheme" mentioned by Colonel Stanwix. (See his letter of March 10, post.) Major Smith's scheme was for the reduction of the enemy on the Ohio and the planning of a forced march on Detroit. Cf. Washington to Stanwix, March 4, 1758.